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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

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NIGHT CLASS

8.50 p.m.	9.00 p.m.	9.20 p.m.
9.30 p.m.	11.30 p.m.	every 30 minutes
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As on Week Days.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at
the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings,
Des Voeux Road.
Season and punch tickets available for
all cars, not already full, running at the
times stated in the Company's time-tables,
and for special cars can be obtained on
application at the Company's Office. No
season ticket will be issued until payment
therefor has been made in Bank Notes or
by Cheque or Compro Order represent-
ing Bank Notes.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

On and after MONDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1921, until further Notice.
(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

TIME TABLE.

DOWN TRAINS

Stations	No. 14 Local	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Through	No. 17 Through	No. 18 Through	No. 19 Through	No. 20 Through	No. 21 Through	No. 22 Through	No. 23 Through
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UP TRAINS

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IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

THE LATE MR. J. H. GARDINER.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. H. Gardiner, which took place at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, was largely attended by members of the legal profession, business men, and others from the European, Portuguese, Chinese and Indian communities who came to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of a leading resident. The ceremony was remarkable for the great number of beautiful wreaths that were sent; there must have been over a hundred.

The Cathedral Chaplain (the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle) officiated at the graveside. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brumby, Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Capt. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. W. S. Brown, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. C. L. Low, Mr. W. Barker, Mr. D. O. de Silva, Mr. T. Rowan and Mrs. Morrison (nurse). Mrs. Gardiner is in England.

The legal profession was represented by: the Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. H. H. Gompertz, the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood), the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp), the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. G. K. Hall, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. A. H. Crew, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. C. B. Johnson, Mr. A. E. Hall, Mr. J. M. Hall, Mr. F. Naah, Mr. C. H. Lyson, Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. H. K. Woo, and other solicitors.

There were also present many officials of the Supreme Court and the Magistrate, and Inspector Angus, and other representatives of the Police Force; also many members of the public, most of whose names appear in the list of wreaths.

The following is a list of those who sent wreaths:—"His sorrowing wife," "Dan," Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brumby, Capt. and Mrs. Wheeler, Frank and Annie Wheeler, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wolff, Mr. D. Logan and "his old friend," Mr. C. L. Low.

The Hon. Mr. H. H. Gompertz (Chief Justice), Sir Boshan Wei Yuk, Mr. H. M. H. Nemesse, Messrs. Eldon Potter, F. C. Jenkin, F. N. d'Almada, J. M. Hall, G. R. Haywood, H. C. Lee, T. Rowan, C. H. Lyson, F. E. Nash, C. G. Mason, D. V. C. Stevenson, J. Scott, Harston, Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, Messrs. Dennys and Bowley, Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Brutton & Co., Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Messrs. Lo and Lo, Messrs. Ramsey & Co., Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Mr. G. R. Haywood's staff, the Chinese staff of Mr. J. H. Gardiner's firm, the Christian Mutual Improvement Society, Messrs. A. Kwai & Co., Messrs. M. Mohideen & Company, Messrs. H. Rutledge and Son, the Palace Motor Co., Messrs. Jammert Bros., Messrs. A. Sheng & Co., the staff of the Supreme Court, the bailiffs of the Supreme Court.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dutton, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Henley, Mrs. B. Brotherton Barker, Miss Laura Maria da Souza, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Kew and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Yung, Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Mr. and Mrs. Wittell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Liang Kin Han, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. N. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. A. el Aurelli, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oxberry, Mrs. She. Tat Tsoi and family, Mrs. Lai Chi Chin and godson, Mrs. and Miss Endell Rosser, Mrs. Ng Quinn and family, Dr. Arger, Inspector H. Pearson, Messrs. H. A. Nisbet, E. F. Ancott, L. E. Lammert, Henry S. Hall, Richard F. Brayn, H. Dreyer, E. B. Reed, A. G. Hewitt, W. L. Wenner, F. W. Quark, Harold Seth, M. W. Stevens, R. A. O. C., H. Percy Smith, G. C. Moxon, H. W. Ray, E. H. Ray, G. Harper, W. L. Ford, F. A. Chopard, H. V. Beaurepaire, James C. Frewin, L. C. Parker, Rees, D. A. Caldwell, O. E. Warren, T. H. G. Brayfield, H. R. Phillips, H. A. Lammert, F. Lammert, C. D. Melbourne, J. F. Grose, C. R. da Rosa, J. M. P. da Silva, C. F. V. Ribeiro, A. U. da Souza, M. A. Razaek, R. Pestoni, M. Baptista, A. J. M. Gomes, T. Henry Young, Ng Wah, Pun Tat Ming, Lam Chack Ming, Hung Hong Chuen, Che Chan Lau, Young Hee, Fung Tat Hang, So Shek Chung Hee, Fung Tat Woo, Kung Ping, Wong Kien Ki, L. A. Chanson, Lo Wa Kung, Ip Kin Shing, A. V. Young, Au Toz Hi, Kin Shing, Wong Siu Woon, Chan Shik, Pun Fung Tong, Wo Po Kung, Wong Kam Fung, E. A. B. Ray, M. Hunsan, Mota Singh, Oxyger Singh, Deva Singh, and Kehor Singh.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI CORPORATION.

The one hundred and fifth report of the Court of Directors to the proprietors is as follows:—

"Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance-sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1930:—

The net profits for that period, including \$3,262,847.20, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, amount to \$12,494,013.50.

During the year an addition of £1,000,000 was made to the sterling reserve, \$1,529,411.70 of the silver reserve being employed for that purpose at exchange of 5/8 per dollar. The sterling reserve now stands at £2,500,000.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$2,029,411.76 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve, which will then stand at \$21,500,000.

They also recommend writing off Bank premises account the sum of \$1,000,000.

After making these transfers, deducting the interim dividend of 23 per share, paid on August 6th last, viz. £380,000 at 3/8=£1,903,636.36, and remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$7,080,955.38, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of three pounds sterling per share, viz. £350,000, and a bonus of two pounds sterling per share, viz. £240,000, amounting in all to £590,000 which at 3/2, the rate of the day, will absorb \$3,789,475.00.

The balance \$3,291,481.69 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

The sterling and other gold securities have been written down to prices ruling on December 31st, 1930, and the depreciation in the £1,573,947.75, 5d. 5 per cent. war loan has been provided for out of the current profits of the year.

The sterling equivalents of the various accounts are shown at 3/2, the rate ruling on the last day of the year.

Directors.

Mr. G. T. M. Edkins has been elected Chairman for the year 1931, and Mr. G. M. Dodwell deputy chairman.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. O. S. Gubbay, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. Ross Thompson having resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mr. A. O. Lang were invited to fill the vacancies.

These appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. A. H. Compton and the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

Auditors.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. E. A. M. Williams, who offer themselves for re-election.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON WOMEN.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENCES.

A Chinese youth, who, earlier in the week, was bound over as a first offender, for having robbed a girl at the Ping On Boarding House, West Point, of jewellery valued at over \$600, was yesterday again before the Court.

A further charge was preferred against him, having robbed a widow living at No. 46, Wyndham Street, of jewellery valued at \$230.

The young woman said the prisoner made her acquaintance and soon afterwards proposed marriage to her. He told her that he owed a friend some money and asked her to lend him her jewellery to pawn, promising to redeem it in a couple of days when he would be able to visit his mother and get some money from her. The witness gave him two gold bangles, a gold ring, and \$10.

The accused denied that he knew the complainant and suggested mistaken identity. A remand until to-day was ordered.

SALUTING THE CENOTAPH.

The extraordinary respect that is shown the Cenotaph may be due to these continued reminders of death pro patria. To pass that noble monument is to be struck, every time afresh, with the deep significance it has taken on. The men on omnibuses, the men in motor-cars, the men walking on the pavements, raise their hats as they go by and the women seem to envy the men the privilege of this easy mark of reverence. Round the Cenotaph, at all hours of the day, is congregated a silent little group of women and bare-headed men.

HOMUNTIN BUNGALOW SUIT.

INTERESTING EXPERT EVIDENCE ON KOWLOON SOIL.

The hearing was resumed, at the Supreme Court, yesterday, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, of the action in which the Rev. Father Henriques sued Mr. George Theodore Lam, for \$205 as compensation for damage which it was alleged the building of the defendant's bungalow in Ho Mun Tin caused to the fence walls and compound of the plaintiff's property adjoining.

Mr. D. J. Lewis of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. M. K. Lo of Messrs. Lo and Lo for the defendant.

Mr. Abdul Rahim, further cross-examined by Mr. Lo for the defence, expressed the opinion that the foundations of the boundary wall were adequate having regard to the lightness of the wall.

Mr. G. G. Wood, civil engineer, expressed the opinion that the weight of the building put up by the defendant had more to do with the subsidence of the ground than the soaking by rain, on that part of the land not covered by concrete. He thought there had been negligence in carrying out the work.

Mr. A. G. Howitt, architect, to the defendant, also gave evidence for the defence.

In cross-examination, he said he did not agree that there had been negligence. Nine times out of ten, the work would be done in the same way.

Mr. Lewis: And the chance would be taken. It is taking chances that has caused damage all over Ho Mun Tin.

The witness: There has been trouble all over Ho Mun Tin. It is due to the nature of the soil. If you build on "filling," you take certain risks; everybody knows that.

On a point connected with boarding a drainage trench, Mr. Lewis asked:

"We all know Chinese contractors: they would not do anything not stipulated in the contract?"

Witness: Oh, yes, they do very often.

Mr. Lewis: Is it not a fact that the utmost supervision is required to prevent their scampering even the work in the contract?

Witness: They want looking after certainly.

In reply to further questions, the witness stated that he had been negligent in supervising any part of the work; some parts did not require such frequent visits as others.

Mr. Justice Wood, engineer to the Kowloon-Canton Railway, said he had considerable acquaintance with the soil of the country, and he knew the soil of Ho Mun Tin very well. As compared with the soils of other countries, the soil of this part of China took very much longer to consolidate. Hammering in layers, or watering, accelerated the process. If the soil of an artificially constructed site were not tamped, it would not be safe to build on it under heavy loads, and even then more subsidence would take place; he believed the soil continued to subside for many years. The platform walls of Kowloon station had sunk, at one point as much as three inches. He thought the subsidence had stopped now, with the consolidation that passing trains had given to the rest of the ground. The witness mentioned that in parts of Ho Mun Tin solid rock would not be reached until 25 feet of filling had been excavated and then 35 feet more of the original swamp.

Mr. Lo: That shows the horrible nature of the soil from a building point of view.

In reply to Mr. Lewis, the witness criticised the construction of the plaintiff's boundary wall. The buttresses were a weight upon the wall, and not a support, and the wall was too heavy for the soil, without broader foundations.

Mr. Lewis exhibited a photograph of a wall with no lateral support on one side, which he said was standing well.

Mr. Baker: It's a very interesting case; I should like to see it. I wonder the building authority passed it. It would not do for a railway; it is not engineering.

Mr. Lewis: That wall is standing on made ground.

Mr. Baker: I want to see that wall. I will go and have a look at it.

His Lordship: If the defendant's side of the wall had been cemented, so that the rain was kept out, do you think this damage would have occurred?

Witness: I think it would not. He also informed his Lordship that the weight of the defendant's house had had little to do with causing the damage.

Mr. Wood, recalled by the Judge, said he thought the view just expressed was mistaken. In his opinion the weight of the defendant's house, and not the soaking of the soil, was the principal cause of the trouble.

By Mr. Lewis: If building operations had not taken place, the cracks in the bungalow would not have occurred.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the witness had previously attributed the damage partly to negligent work. Had he abandoned that ground?

His Lordship said he had only asked Mr. Wood about the other aspect of the case. It might help matters if he indicated his view that the trenches were properly boarded; he accepted Mr. Howitt's statement that he had seen it done.

At this point the Court adjourned, in order that both Bench and Bar might attend the late Mr. J. H. Gardiner's funeral.

THE RACE MEETING.

TRAINING TIMES.

At yesterday's gallops the following times were taken:—

DERBY CRITIQUE.

Hope Dahlia, 11m.—37, 1.12, 1.48.2, 2.23.4, 2.57.3, 2.29.3; l.q. 32.

Invincible King, 1m.—42, 1.31, 2.00, 2.33.3, 3.04; l.q. 30.2.

Coat of Arms, 1m.—35, 1.09, 1.44, 2.14.3; l.q. 30.3.

Joggabley Crowdy & Ankle Deep, 1m.—35, 1.08, 1.41, 2.12.3; l.q. 31.3.

Adventurer, 1m.—34, 1.09, 1.44.2, 2.15.3; l.q. 31.1.

Soapy Sponge, 1m.—33.1, 1.03.1; l.q. 32.

OTHER PONIES.

14 Miles:— Only Hope 3.42.1 32.2

14 Miles:— Allied King 2.56.3 31.1

Mountain King 2.57.3 30

Fighting King 2.46.2 31.2

Blackbird Dahlia 2.57.2 32.2

Sportsman Dahlia 2.45.3 31.3

Free & Easy 2.55.3 30.3

Sleep Hicough & Now or Never 2.57.2 32.2

ONE MILE:— Exchequer Bill 2.20 30

Spotted Sand 2.18.2 30

Strathfarrar 2.28.2 31.2

Muscovite King 2.29.2 31.1

Silverstreak 2.11.3 30.3

Coal King 2.15.4 30.4

High Tide & Burning 2.13 31

Manor King 2.16.3 30.3

Sir Newton & Joy Bell 2.31.3 32.2

Tiddleywinks & Irish Stew 2.19.2 32.2

Iddy, Umpty & Notwith-standing 2.20.2 32.2

Seagull & Sunshine 2.17.2 32.3

1 MILE:— Jamboree King 1.45 32.1

Sleep Hicough & Now or Never 1.40 33.1

Nevertheless, Benjamin & Jock 1.39.2 32.2

SPORT.

YACHTING.

SEVENTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The sailing for the 7th Championship Race, took place, last Saturday, over a course of Lyenun Beacon (P), Kowloon Rock (S) and Lyenun Beacon (S) 5-2 miles in a fresh breeze moderating towards the end of the afternoon, produced some very close finishes.

In the Handicap class *Dorothea* won from *Diana* by 24 secs. *Alfred* took the lead for the first time in the race just on the finishing line and won from *Daphne* by a bare second, whilst in the H. Hays *Urala* only saved the time she was giving *Dawn* by 7 secs. *Dawn* secured a comfortable win in the Gales, this being her second victory.

The following were the details:—

HANDICAP CLASS.

Name	Heap on Course	Corrected Time	Position	For Race	Previous	To Date
Diana	+ 1'35"	4.48.36	2	5	30	35
Bella	+ 1'32"	4.57.59	4	3	25	28
Orion	+ 3'04"	5.24.14	5	1	19	11
Dorothea	+ 5'22"	4.48.12	1	7	30	37
Gladys	+ 6'54"	4.53.19	3	4	12	16
Sonia	+ 6'54"	4.58.10	5	2	20	22

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Name	Heap on Course	Corrected Time	Position	For Race	Previous	To Date
Ailsa	Scratch	5.28.34	1	5	23	24
Bonita	Scratch	5.49.03	4	1	12	13
Daphne	Scratch	5.28.35	2	3	19	22
Haleyson	Scratch	5.43.00	3	2	8	10

BEYWARD-HAYS CLASS.

Name	Handicap on Course	Corrected Time	Position	For Race	Previous	To Date
Urala	+ 2'15"	5.55.44	1	6	25	31
Sirius	+ 3'30"	D.N.S.	2	1	8	8
Dawn	+ 2'18"	5.55.51	2	4	26	30
Lola	+ 3'35"	D.N.E.	1	1	1	1
Owl	+ 9'12"	D.N.E.	1	1	1	1

GAIL CLASS.

Name	Handicap on Course	Corrected Time	Position	For Race	Previous	To Date
Gael	+ 0'40"	6.14.43	4	2	16	18
Tonette	+ 3'04"	6.10.28	2	4	30	34
Joan	+ 0'46"	6.04.10	1	1	30	34
Thekla	+ 2'18"	D.N.S.	1	1	2	2
Viking	Scratch	6.12.24	3	3	7	10

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE v. 2nd WILTS REGT.

The following will represent the Civil Service in their home League match against the 2nd Wiltshire Regt., on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m.:—G. R. Bayer (captain), E. W. Hamilton, E. B. Reed, R. E. C. Bird, H. E. Strang, F. J. Ling, Claude Severn, A. R. Sutherland, P. J. de Romo, R. O. Wittell, and W. H. Edmunds. Reserve: E. F. Fincher.

LOOPING IN THE BALL ROOM.

"Do you loop?" is likely to be the up-to-date question in the ballroom; for the latest dance, which is being studied by the Association of Dancing Masters in Paris—"the Dance of the Aces"—is based on the movements of the aeroplane. The dancer of the future will be expected to be able to "bank" to loop the loop, and to execute the mysterious step called in the airman's language—"the dead-end drop." It is to be feared that there will be many forced landings.

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THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE CRUISER RACE originally fixed for Sunday, the 20th inst., is now POSTPONED till SUNDAY, the 27th MARCH. H. S. ROUSE, Hon. Secretary, Sailing Committee. [446]

LADIES' GOLF.

A CUP has been presented by Miss HEALING which will be played for on TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, against B. GUY over Old Course, Fanning. Post entries. Players to arrange opponents. [447]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

THE CORONET THEATRE and its associated interests have been taken over from the 8th February, 1921, by the above-named Company, to the Secretary of which all communications should, in future, be addressed. (P.O. Box No. 372). H. W. RAY, Joint Managing Director, Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., Hongkong, February 15th, 1921. [448]

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THE approach Roads to the above HOTEL are CLOSED temporarily for the purpose of regrading. Patrons are, therefore, kindly requested to use the steps opposite the Main Entrance until completion of such work. [454]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE SHAREHOLDERS of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE are herewith informed that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Frs. 50 per Share will be paid from FEBRUARY 1st, 1921, on presentation of their certificates at the Head Office, in Paris, and at any of its Agencies, Hongkong, January 30th, 1921. [278]

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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 17th February, 1921, both dates inclusive. DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [375]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, January 21st, 1921. [343]

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY to SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1921 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager, Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. [400]

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Sir BOSMAN WEI YUK and family wish to thank their many kind friends for their expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement. [444]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1921.

THE "SWEATED LABOUR" OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Mr. BOWLEY, in the paper he read at the meeting held in the Cathedral Hall, on Tuesday night, on the subject of the "Sweated Labour" of women and children in the Colony, put his case for legislative action with a cogency and force which is irresistible. The discussion which followed the reading of the paper did nothing to weaken the case the lecturer presented. Mr. BOWLEY was charged with having "enormously exaggerated" for his own purposes, the sufferings of women and children. We are unable to discover where support for that charge is to be found in the paper. Here in four short paragraphs is Mr. BOWLEY's description of the conditions under which women and children are employed in Hongkong, and, indeed, so far as we know, generally in China:—

They work in factories for ten hours a day (excluding mealtime), for seven days a week, a weekly total of 70 hours, as compared with the 48 hours laid down by treaty. In addition, overtime is common at busy seasons, and is not checked in any way.

They work in small workshops and private houses, at trades, as sempstresses or as domestic servants, for hours without count and without number, at wages governed solely by the law of supply and demand, or (in the case of "mui-tai") for no wages at all.

They work as coolies irrespective of age and sex, carrying heavy loads in all weathers; stunting their bodies, injuring the present generation and the next; with no luxuries, no leisure, and no pleasure; often without the barest necessities of life, insufficiently fed, insufficiently clothed, sleeping as and where they can—on bed-boards under staircases, or in any odd corner, without any facilities for cleansing either their persons or their clothes.

These conditions do not apply to adults only, but to children of the tenderest age: before the child can walk it is added to the load on its mother's back; as soon as it can toddle, it follows its mother in her work; when boy or girl can stagger under a few bricks the life of labour begins, and continues until he or she reaches an early grave.

As a general statement of the conditions which obtain, we think little exception can be taken to the summary. It may be objected that there is no evidence to support the statement that the boy or girl who begins a life of labour at a very early age by staggering under a few bricks reaches an early grave; but, in the absence of statistics it is a fair inference, especially in view of the fact that the mortality statistics of the Colony show among the Chinese a death rate from 50 to 75 per cent. higher than obtains in the United Kingdom, and this notwithstanding the fact, known to everybody, that Chinese who are ill depart if they possibly can either to recover their health or end their days in their ancestral homes on the mainland. But that is a minor point. The conditions under which women and children of the poorest classes work in Hongkong and China shocks the sensibilities of every European or American visitor who has a sense to be shocked.

The only question which really arises out of the discussion is the expediency of passing resolutions on the subject calling for legislative action by the Government of the Colony. The Rev. Dr. T. W. PEARCE, for whose experience and knowledge of the Chinese we entertain the highest respect, was inclined to doubt the wisdom, or the timeliness, of legislative action and expressed a preference for educational propaganda on the basis of what we may call the Chinese religious sanctions—the sanctions of the ancient Classics, which, as he said, are full of humanitarian doctrines. "Dr. PEARCE will not quarrel with us," we imagine, when we say that the Bible has stood in English-speaking countries for just as much as the ancient Classics stand for in China. Yet no country in Christendom has preferred to wait for the humanitarian teachings of the Bible to make their appeal to the conscience of every individual in order to secure the improvement of conditions of labour for women and children. In China, as elsewhere, such improvement in the conditions of labour as all humane persons must desire to see can only come within any measurable distance of time from regulation by legislation. Incidentally it may be said of the Ancient Classics of China that one of the supreme virtues they inculcate is the obedience of the child to the parent. Now it is by parental direction that the children of the poor either hawk in the streets without a licence (for which, be it remembered, they are prosecuted), stagger at an early age under their loads of bricks or coal or cement to the Peak, or work in the loading of lighters at the quayside; and an appeal to the Classics does not seem to us to be either a speedy or an effective way of giving, in Dr. PEARCE's words, "relief to toil-worn, weeping children, whose lives are being endangered by their toil."

Educational propaganda is, of course, a desirable and necessary complement to legislation, and an appeal to the sanctions of the Classics would doubtless have its uses in securing obedience to the public law. It must not be overlooked that Mr. BOWLEY not only makes his appeal on humanitarian principles; he emphasises the duty and responsibility that the Treaty of Versailles, and the Labour Convention which attaches to it, impose on every Government which has signed the Treaty. That duty and responsibility extends in the case of the British Empire to every component part of it, and the proposals which Mr. BOWLEY has put forward, and which were endorsed by the meeting on Tuesday, surely represent the minimum that the Government of this Colony can do to show that it is not utterly indifferent to the obligations which this epoch-marking Treaty of Versailles imposes upon it. We do not believe that it would fail to enlist in this effort to improve the lot of women and children the sympathy and support of the best elements of the Chinese population of the Colony. Mr. BOWLEY has sketched a programme such as the Government must sooner or later adopt; and the sooner it does so the better for the credit and reputation of the Colony. We are not much concerned to know that "these things are not done" in China. The Government has done many things in this Colony which are not done in China, and in this particular matter, as in so many other respects, we must not lose sight of the fact that Hongkong is "a little bit of England"—a British Colony whose mission it is to be a beacon light, a shining example, as regards its laws and their administration, to the vast population of China, which is moving slowly but surely towards Reform and Progress.

The *Titan* with the English newspaper mail of January 13th and the parcel mail of January 3th is due in to-day.

A coolie working on the *s.s. Foukang* on Tuesday was killed by an anchor chain falling upon him. The body was badly crushed.

Three nurses are to be attached to each school in Tokyo, according to the plans of the Japanese educational authorities. The nurses will be recruited from the present staff of teachers, who will be given several months of special training.

A correspondent is anxious to know if the Big Ben of Hongkong, as he calls the new clock at the Kowloon railway station, which is now approaching completion, will strike the hour. We do not know, but our correspondent will not have long to wait in order to learn.

The Japanese Government has received dyes and chemicals from Germany in settlement of reparation claims, and a large stock of them has been kept in Kobe warehouses, pending the consideration by the authorities of their disposal. Part of the stock is now being sold in a limited market by the Government.

An American sailor was found drunk and incapable and lying in the middle of Morrison Hill Road, in the early hours of yesterday morning. It was fortunate for him that no motor-car came that way before the police took charge of him or he might have been run over. At the Magistracy some hours later, the sailor again occupied a central position and was fined five dollars.

The American Association of Yokohama was recently called upon to discuss the eligibility of women as members. The American Association of Tokyo is open to "any American citizen," but the Yokohama organisation had so far limited membership to "male citizens." It was believed that the feminists would carry the day when the question was put to the vote in Yokohama.

The bill whose object is alliteratively described in the Manila papers as being to "put pants on the pagans" in the Philippines, which was introduced recently in the Senate by Mr. Santos, has brought a flood of offers from clothing manufacturers in the United States, who are anxious to secure contracts to clothe the non-Christian tribes at the expense of the Government.

The police in Japan are reported to be busy carrying on raids on student organisations in the country with a view to preventing the dissemination of extreme political ideas. Recently a students' society attached to the Waseda University was raided, and it is alleged that incriminating documents were seized. A students' organisation in Tokyo Imperial University was also raided.

Captain Ricon flew from Macao to Canton, on Monday, with General Huang Chiang, Dr. and Mr. Rossi, of Canton, and Lieut.-Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Acting Commissioner of Customs, Macao district. The journey occupied 50 minutes. An excellent landing was made opposite the old Dutch Fort. The return journey took 55 minutes. This is the first flight by the Macao Aerial Transport Co. to Canton.

The police are searching for a band of seven men who have been stopping parties of women and children, intimidating them with revolvers, and robbing them of money and jewellery. One of the men belonging to the party has been identified by a person robbed, so there is every prospect of an arrest being made. Two separate parties of women were robbed on Monday. In one case, they cried for help, and on the appearance of some men who were working on the hillside, the robbers made off with only part of their booty.

At the funeral of the late Lady Wei Yuk, wife of Sir Bosman Wei Yuk, on Tuesday, H.E. the Governor was represented by Captain Wanger (Private Secretary) and Mr. D. Burlingham, A.D.C. There were also present the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Mr. J. B. Wood (Puisne Judge), Sir Robert Ho Tung and a large number of other prominent residents. The coffin was taken from Sir Loshan Wei Yuk's residence No. 44, Bonham Road to the Tung Wah Hospital to await removal to the ancestral home of the deceased lady.

In reply to a question in the Diet regarding the difference of opinion between Great Britain and Japan on the administrative system to be introduced into the former German islands south of the equator, Count Uchida recently said:—"The British maintain that the clause in the Covenant of the Peace Treaty specifying the principle of equal opportunity should not be applied to the administration of the South Seas, while the Japanese Government takes a contrary view. It is quite regrettable, however, that the League of Nations had not come to any agreement in regard to these administrative systems, although 12 months have passed since the conclusion of the Peace Treaty. The Japanese Government, therefore, has thought fit to recognize the British theory, reserving the final decision on the interpretation of the clause in question for some future occasion. The Japanese delegate, accordingly, conceded the British proposition, but with an understanding that Japan would take the opportunity of insisting on the maintenance of her rights already acquired in the South Seas south of the equator. Thus it must be understood that Japan has never dropped her first claim."

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH ADMIRAL FETED. CORDIAL RECEPTION IN UNITED STATES.

ANNAPOLIS, February 16th.

The British Admiral Lewis Bayly received an ovation at the Midshipmen Naval Academy when he spoke praising the splendid co-operation of American and British Fleets in the war. Although the visit was unofficial Admiral Bayly was received with the Admiral's salute and a band paraded in his honour.

Admiral Bayly will be entertained at a banquet in New York by 150 American naval officers with whom he co-operated in the most cordial manner in the war. A dirigible and five seaplanes escorted the vessel, on which Admiral Bayly arrived from Colon, up New York Bay.

WIRELESS ACHIEVEMENT. IN COMBINATION WITH WIRE TELEPHONE.

New York, February 16th.

Telephone conversations on a ship in the Atlantic and Catalina Island off California have been successfully accomplished through the combination of wireless and wire across the United States.

SIGNOR CARUSO DYING ILLNESS TAKES DANGEROUS TURN.

New York, February 16th.

Signor Caruso, who burst a blood-vessel, while singing, is believed to be dying. After a relapse last night extremeunction was administered.

MANDATES COMMISSION. FEMINISTS PRESS THEIR CLAIM.

LONDON, February 16th.

A number of representative feminists have sent a letter to the Press urging that at least one woman be included in the Mandates Commission appointed by the Council of the League of Nations in view of the questions affecting women and children.

M. POINCARÉ. PRESIDENT OF SENATE COMMITTEE.

PARIS, February 16th.

M. Poincaré has been elected President of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. He received 18 to the 10 votes cast for the outgoing President.

FOURTH TEST MATCH. WON BY AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, February 15th.

Australia made 211 runs for 2 wickets and declared. Australia thus won by 8 wickets. Ryder made 52 unfinished and Gregory 76 unfinished for Australia.

U. S. NAVAL PROGRAMME. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSERTS AMENDMENT.

New York, February 16th.

The House of Representatives has passed the 1916 naval construction programme, with the amendment that none of the money voted should be spent on ships not now constructing, or for which contracts have not been signed; thus preventing the building of six battleships and a number of destroyers.

EARLIER CABLES.

SENATOR BORAH'S LATEST MOVE.

WASHINGTON, February 16th. Continuing the disarmament fight, Senator Borah has introduced a bill requesting the President to call a Conference between Britain, Japan and the United States with a view to reducing naval construction substantially for five years.

REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT THEIR MAJESTIES GO IN STATE TO WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, February 15th.

His Majesty the King opened Parliament amidst pre-war pageantry.

Fine weather favoured the pre-war pageantry at the opening of Parliament, and attracted large crowds eager to catch a glimpse of their Majesties driving in the gorgeous Georgian coach, drawn by eight black horses and escorted by the Beefeaters and the Blues—the latter in their brilliant cuirasses and helmets. The royal procession, in which the Duke of York drove, included six carriages. The Prince of Wales, in a six-horse carriage with a Horse Guards escort, proceeded to Parliament separately.

The scene in the House of Lords was most interesting and most imposing, and presented a great contrast to the war days when everybody was in khaki. The House to day was a flood of colour with the scarlet ermine robes of the Peers, the brilliant uniforms of the Court officials and the splendid attire of the Ambassadors. Only the American and the German Ambassadors were in evening dress. Peeresses vied in the display of diamonds in tiaras of their respective ranks and of other ornaments of attire.

After the procession of officers of State, who passed before the Throne bowing, the Prince of Wales, who was in a royal Duke's robes, occupied a chair to the right of the Throne.

His Majesty the King entered, leading Her Majesty the Queen by hand. The King was robed in royal purple and was wearing a large crown, which glowed and sparkled in the fire of the imperial jewels. The Queen also wore a lovely crown, with rivers of diamonds down the front of a rich Court dress, and looked truly regal and astonishingly young.

When their Majesties were seated on their thrones, the Commons summoned His Majesty the King to read the Speech.

CRITICISM OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

LONDON, February 16th.

Mr. Lloyd George, in reply to criticisms of the Speech from the Throne, welcomed the intimation that Germany was submitting counter-proposals with a real desire to liquidate her Treaty liabilities, but the conference will in no way take the form of a revision or re-casting of the Peace Treaty.

Undoubtedly the Treaty of Sevres would come up for discussion at the Near East Conference, and the British representatives in the conference would be animated by the supreme desire to establish a world-wide peace subject to the paramount obligation to secure the rights of the long-suffering Christian populations in Turkey. Seeing that the Egyptian question was vital to the whole Empire, to the peace of the Middle East and, perhaps, to our future relations with India, the Government would like to consult the representatives of the Dominions as well as the Egyptian Minister before committing themselves regarding Lord Milne's report.

Adverting to Ireland, the Premier emphasised the difficulties confronting the executive on account of the continued reticence of the people. Outlining the conversations with Archbishop Clune, who, the Premier said, was imbued with the most loyal sentiments towards the Empire, Mr. Lloyd George agreed as to the necessity of negotiating a truce, because once the murder campaign stopped, it would never be renewed. Nevertheless those responsible for order, who ran great personal risks, strongly urged against a truce without the express condition of the surrender of arms. This Sinn Féin refused to do, thus accepting the responsibility for the continuance of hostilities. Although it was admitted that the murders and outrages casualty list was still heavy, it was noteworthy that casualties now occurred because the police were pursuing rebels in wild places, whereas three months ago they were shot down in the streets of Dublin. The Premier counselled patience, then he was confident that order would be restored in Ireland, and with it Irish liberty.

SOLIDARITY OF THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, February 16th.

A second amendment to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Major-General Sir J. H. Davidson urging the appointment of a permanent joint advisory technical committee to consider the question of co-ordinating the Navy and the Army Air Forces.

General Sir A. Hunter Weston pleaded the necessity of such a body on which, he said, the Dominions should be represented. Mr. Lloyd George, replying, expressed sympathy with the proposal, but suggested that the matter be left over for the Imperial Conference, because it was too much to ask these small islands with the gigantic burdens they were bearing to undertake the defence of the whole Empire. When we were in trouble, the Empire helped us. Over a million men came from India voluntarily, and vast numbers from other parts, but that was a spasmodic effort. The solidarity of the Empire was a guarantee against further shedding of blood, since the sword would never have been drawn had the war-planners known what the British Empire would do. Consequently, we must make common cause not to involve the Dominions or India in our quarrels, but ensure common action in the event of a just quarrel. The amendment was withdrawn.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, February 15th.

Lord Curzon, speaking in the House of Lords, said Franco-British co-operation, which was at present the main factor in the peace of Europe, was unimpaired. The efforts of new States, notwithstanding lack of resources and experiences, evoked our keen sympathy. Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania had all practically composed their difficulties with their neighbours and were settling down to a useful life, Austria alone presenting anxiety. As regards Russia, her real chance of recovery lay in economic arrangements which tended to preclude the possibility of war. Britain's only concern in the course of the negotiation had been to ensure that trade relations would be made with people who would act in a friendly manner and not engage in hostile action in distant parts of the world.

Lord Curzon described the Imperial Cabinet as a new and powerful organ of government. All its members being invested with full authority, made its decisions not merely those of the British Government but of the British Empire. He recalled that at previous meetings he not merely received valuable counsel from Dominion Ministers, but their presence and co-operation was an immense addition to the moral and material strength of the Empire. The Conference were not less important in peace-time. The main desire actuating the members of that body was that this amazing congress of independent States of free nationalities, which was held together by a mere silken thread and by a sense that all had a common mission in the world and owed their loyalty to a common law, language and King, should be bound by even closer ties. The forthcoming meeting, to which Lord Curzon was looking forward, would deal with naval, military and air defence, the foreign policy of the Empire, and the future constitutional organisation of this great fabric.

Lord Curzon declared that the condition of Europe was undoubtedly brighter than last year. Unfortunately this did not apply to Asia. The various new European countries, the boundaries of which were now practically settled, were busily occupied in building up their national existence. He was of the opinion that there should be no difficulty in reaching a trade agreement with the Soviets.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA IN FRANCE.

PARIS, February 16th.

The police authorities are actively engaged in investigating some clubs in connection with a Communist plot purporting to start a revolutionary agitation both in France and Italy. The police have succeeded in establishing the fact of the so-called Dr. Zglevski being a Soviet agent sent to Paris from the central propaganda Bureau in Berlin with funds amounting to £3,000, deposited with an American bank in Paris.

Several arrests were made at various centres in the provinces in connection with futile attempts to start anti-militaristic propaganda.—Havas.

ARRESTS IN PARIS.

LONDON, February 15th.

Paris telegrams indicate that French Trade Unionists are revolting against Communism. Documents seized from the offices of the Communist Federation in Paris resulted in the arrest of M. La Porte, Secretary of the Federation, and M. Williams, Manager of a Communist newspaper, who are accused of inciting soldiers to disobedience and of anarchist propaganda. Papers seized show that anti-militarist agitators in France have been campaigning with the object of detaching the French Colonies from the Mother Country and that a similar campaign has been started in some of the British Colonies and Protectorates.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT PROBLEMS.

PARIS, February 16th.

A Committee is to meet at Paris on the 21st inst., to consider various problems pertaining to international traffic by sea and rail to come before the International Conference to open at Barcelona next month under the presidency of M. Hanotaux, sometime French Minister for Foreign Affairs.—Havas.

INDIA'S TENNIS ASPIRATIONS CHALLENGE FOR DAVIS CUP.

NEW YORK, February 16th. India has issued a Challenge for the Davis Cup.

LORD MILNER.

LONDON, February 16th. Lord Milner has been appointed Knight of the Garter.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR BOUND FOR NEW YORK.

LONDON, February 16th. Sir Auckland Geddes, and Mr. Alfred See, Chinese Minister to Washington, have sailed for New York.

WOMEN'S STRIKE COLLAPSE.

NEW YORK, February 16th. The Women's strike, mentioned on February 10th, has collapsed and half of the strikers have resumed work, and others are gradually returning.

DEATH OF "LURGAN SAHIB." "MR. ISAACS" OF MARION CRAWFORD'S NOVEL. END OF A ROMANTIC CAREER IN INDIA.

[SPECIAL TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

The death has occurred in Bombay at the age of 71 of Mr. A. M. Jacob, perhaps the most romantic figure of modern times in India, the "Lurgan Sahib" of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Kim" and the "Mr. Isaacs" in Marion Crawford's novel of that name. Much of the mystery surrounding the doings of Mr. Jacob may have been due to the exciting times during which he lived, and also to his intimate relations with men of various nationalities. He was at the height of his career during "the Russian scare" when every stranger entering India from the North-West was looked upon as a man of mystery, and as Mr. Jacob, in his role of a dealer in curios, came a great deal in contact with many such visitors, legends grew regarding Mr. Jacob's hypnotic powers and his uncanny ways. In their column-long obituary notices the *Times of India* and the *Englishman* refer, for instance, to what they regard as the mystery of Mr. Jacob's nationality. According to the *Englishman* the mystery is still unsolved and it is not known whether Mr. Jacob was a Levantine, or a Jew, or a Turk; the *Times of India* thinks Mr. Jacob was "an Italian, born in Turkey, and connected with the Balfour family now settled in New York where his brother is a distinguished doctor."

It was, however, Mr. Jacob's broad-mindedness which, probably, at first led him to refuse to be labelled as Turk, Jew or Italian, and later on when he found that it piqued the curiosity of his acquaintances he mystified them with romantic insinuations. The secret of his power lay in the art of mystifying all who came in contact with him. An incident is quoted by the *Times of India* from an account in *Chambers' Journal* of one of Jacob's many magical feats. The writer of "The Autobiography of a Magician" in *Chambers' Journal* relates how he went to a dinner party at Mr. Jacob's bungalow in Simla. Several other military officers were also guests. At dinner, when they were smoking, General B. asked Mr. Jacob to show them some of his tricks. Their host did not appear to like the word "trick," but simply said, "Yes, I'll show you a trick!" and, turning to a servant, told him to bring in the sahibs' walking sticks. Selecting a thick grape-vine stick with a silver band round the handle, he asked, "Whose is this?" The General replied that it was his; whereupon a glass bowl, similar to those in which goldfish are kept, was placed on the table, some water poured in, and Mr. Jacob held the stick upright on its knob for a few moments. After a time they saw numbers of shoots like rooflets issuing from the handle till they filled the bowl and held the stick steady, Jacob standing over it, muttering all the time. A continuous crackling sound was then heard, and young twigs began to appear from the upper part of the stick. These grew rapidly, became covered with leaves, and flowered before their eyes. Then the flowers changed to small bunches of grapes, and in ten minutes from the beginning a fine vine laden with bunches of ripe black Hamburgs stood before them. A servant carried it round, and they helped themselves. The fruit was declared to be excellent. In case the whole affair might be due to hypnotic delusion, the writer placed half of his bunch in his pocket to see if the grapes would still be there after he left Mr. Jacob's house.

The vine was replaced on the table, and covered with a sheet, and in a few minutes was changed back into the General's stick. Many other interesting feats were performed and the company were filled with amusement; then, as they were about to depart, Mr. Jacob requested a few words privately with the writer before he left. They went out on to the veranda and conversed on occult subjects for a few minutes. Mr. Jacob then offered to cause him to undergo a special experience which would give him something to think about. His guest replied that that was just what he would like. So Mr. Jacob said "Shut your eyes and imagine that you are back in your bedroom in your bungalow." He did so; and after a few seconds Jacob called out, "Now open your eyes!" He opened his eyes, and found that he was really in his bedroom—two miles in a few seconds! Jacob then told him to shut his eyes again, and they would rejoin their friends; but this he firmly refused to do, as he thought it might all be hypnotic delusion, and he wanted to see how Jacob

would get out of the difficulty. However, the magician simply laughed good-naturedly, and said, "Well, since you won't come, I must go alone; so good-bye!" and in an instant he had vanished, and the subject of this marvellous feat was left alone. Looking at his watch, as he had done at the commencement of the experiment, he found that the whole affair had not lasted two minutes. He then walked straight out of his bedroom into the dining-room, where he found two of his friends, who were astonished at seeing him, and wanted to know how he had managed to get into his room without their seeing him pass. He then sat down and told them all about it. One of them (Dr. S.) asked to see the grapes. Accordingly he felt in his pocket, and there they were sure enough, so he passed them to him. The doctor turned them over suspiciously, smelt them, and finally tasted one. "They are the real thing, my boy; genuine black English Hamburgs," he said, and proceeded to devour the lot. "But where's the tat?" exclaimed his other friend. The writer replied that he had forgotten all about it, but supposed he had better send for it. Calling a servant, he told him to go to the stables and send a syce up to Jacob Sahib's bungalow for the tat. In a few minutes the bearer returned and said that the tat was at that moment safe in his own stable. They stared at one another in amazement, then went out to see for themselves. Sure enough it was there. So the horse and cart were also levitated!

While some, at this distance of time, may regard such doings of Mr. Jacob as those related above with incredulity, the weight of evidence regarding the great power which he wielded at one time in India is beyond dispute. He was in his palmy days on friendly terms with most of the Indian princes, from the Nizam of Hyderabad to the petty chiefs, and on occasions when he travelled he did so en prince. His guests at his bungalow in Simla, which, by the way, was a veritable storehouse of valuable curios, were men who were makers of history in India. He counted among his friends Viceroy and Commanders-in-Chief, distinguished surgeons, members of the Consular service; in fact all who figure prominently in the social life of the summer capital of India. Naturally there were all kinds of surmises as to how Mr. Jacob kept up such state. He was recognised by experts in the jeweller's business as one of the greatest of them, and he was a prince of curio collectors. This, however, so people thought, could not entirely account for his, apparently, unlimited resources which enabled him to indulge in lavish hospitality and live and move like a prince. There were whispers of mysterious visitors from Samarcand and Bokhara, of secret missions from Kabul and Tehran and of Mr. Jacob's own sudden disappearances.

When I met Mr. Jacob in Bombay he had apparently decided to live a retired life. His eyesight was failing, and he had emerged from litigation against the premier princes of India, the Nizam of Hyderabad, a poorer man. His quiet life was, however, not imposed upon him by lack of means or by his inability to surround himself with luxury. He had seen the garish side of life in fact, and his experience had made a philosopher of him. Always a brilliant conversationalist his views on life were in after years when I met him most illuminating. An expert connoisseur of pearls and precious stones in Bombay laughed at the idea that Mr. Jacob was in financial straits when I hinted at the suggestion, for he assured me that Mr. Jacob could even then earn a princely salary as a working partner in a jeweller's establishment. In those days Mr. Jacob's sole recreation was a walk along the sea-front in Bombay.

It was to me a privileged occasion when Mr. Jacob met me sometimes and asked me to accompany him to Charni Road or Chowpatty. Then he enlivened the hour by his shrewd wit and gave an insight into the wonderful storehouse of his mind. He never forgot a face, and it seemed that his memory regarding facts was also prodigious.

From what he once said I gathered that he was an Armenian, and like others of his race had gone to India in search of adventure and wealth. He had travelled extensively in Asia, and had made it a point to study facts first-hand, living with the people in the country he was visiting as one of them. No one could call him a failure; he had adventures more than have fallen to the lot of any intrepid explorer and he had in the days of his youth much more than a modest share of this world's goods. In his old age he had the peacefulness that he desired.

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GOLF AND OLD AGE.

A CURE FOR STOUTNESS.

At 40 a man is either a fool or a physician; at 50 he is either a golfer or dead. So, at least, runs the conclusion of an ingenious researcher—who must remain anonymous—who has recently sought an explanation of the truly astonishing performances of our octogenarians of the green. His observations were conducted rather furtively, but they bear the stamp of a scientific ardour which is convincing. They were not all made by himself.

If we begin with the statistical side we get the following table showing the physical appearance of 10 men, of 50 or over, who play golf regularly:—

Condition.	Actual Percent.	No.	Age.
Stout	None.	1	10
Moderately stout	1	6	50
Moderately lean	3	4	40
Lean	3	30	

Very stout octogenarians are seldom met with, yet the significance of this fact had not been given due weight. It remained to inquire whether the relatively square condition of most of these 10 old men was constitutional, or merely the result of great age. The information obtained pointed to some extent away from both these possibilities:—

CONDITION AT OR ABOUT 50.

Condition.	Actual Percent.	No.	Age.
Stout	2	4	20
Moderately stout	3	40	
Moderately lean	4	40	
Lean	None.	—	

The two men, who had been stout at 50, said that they took up golf after that age, on the advice of medical men, who suggested more exercise as a means of relieving stoutness. They were not stout until about 40, when they began to adopt more sedentary habits than they had formerly been accustomed to. One of the moderately stout men of 40 told a similar story. The others had begun to play for reasons unconnected with health.

It seemed, then, as if golf in some way acted against the oncoming of stoutness, and further, as if stoutness is a less frequent associate of great age than leanness. The point left to be dealt with was the manner in which golf might be expected to reduce stoutness.

There are many ready-made explanations, such as the stimulating effect of exercise. But these do not carry us very far. The investigator in question took occasion to observe certain stout persons carefully, and noted after a time that the movement of the chest during breathing, which these displayed, was greatly reduced. The stout man's chest seemed to be immobile, so that even had it been constricted his breathing would not have been much interfered with. He carried on his breathing with his diaphragm and the muscles of his body.

This, it was seen at once, is equivalent to saying that the inward-sucking power of the chest is very considerably reduced in stout men. Instead of all the walls of this area of the body expanding, only one wall, the floor or diaphragm, expands. Now the suction of the opening chest draws air to the lungs, and also draws blood from the veins back to the heart and lungs. On this depends to some extent the efficiency of the circulation.

Thus, an immobile chest tends to produce a poor circulation. The veins are badly emptied and the blood is insufficiently oxygenated. Combustion in the tissues is reduced, and the unburnt material is laid down as fat. Thus the stout man with the motionless chest would tend to become stouter and his circulation would fall little by little.

It is here that golf plays its part. In the act of driving, for example, the positions imposed on the body are such that its muscles must become firm. Breathing cannot now be carried on only by the diaphragm, since the descent of this is interfered with. Consequently the chest must be open, and the muscles which open the chest must develop.

Here is the secret. The re-opening chest improves the circulation by relieving the congestion in the veins. More oxygen is available and the fat is burnt up. The unhealthy stout man grows leaner. Every tissue and organ of his body is refreshed and nourished with clean blood.

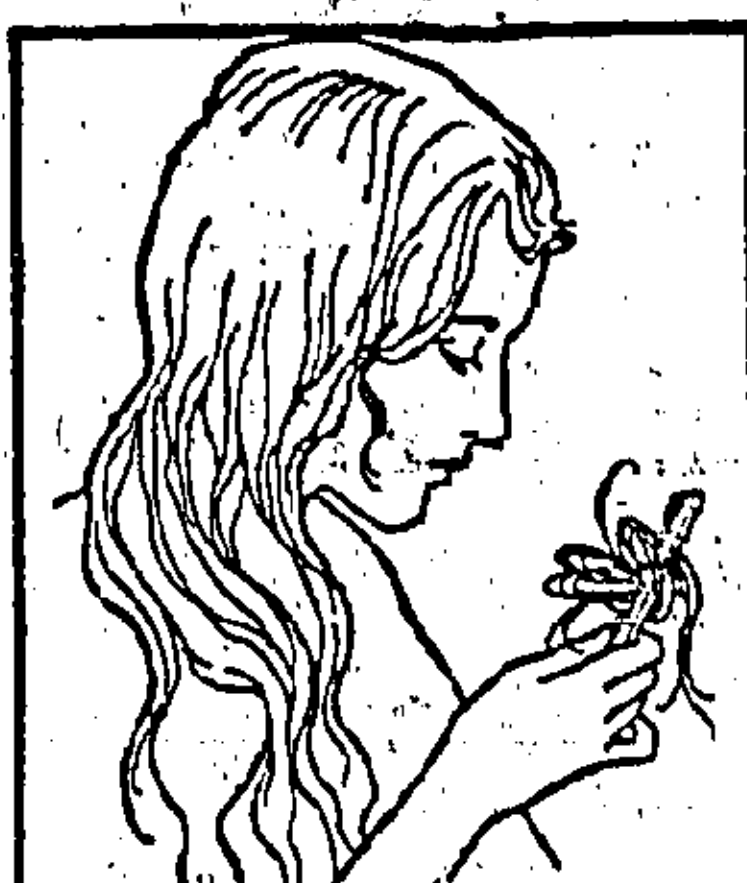
There are other acts in the game which produce a similar effect: There is, too, the walking and the mental stimulus of competition and companionship.

A CANCER VIRUS?

ANGLO-FRENCH CLAIM.

Paris, January 4th. An important announcement has been made at the Academy of Sciences by Dr. Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute, who credits the discovery of a cancer virus to M. Peyron, a member of the Institute, and Mr. Paine, of London. These two specialists studied malignant tumours in birds capable of bringing about death in a few weeks, and found that they were due to a virus which was so thin as to be invisible, and which passed through the closest filters. They further discovered that the virus is capable of spreading beyond the original tumour and invading the neighbouring tissues, muscles in particular, setting up other cancers.

It is expected that this announcement will give rise to considerable discussion by those biologists and doctors who did not believe in the infectious origin of cancer. Some American specialists, members of the Rockefeller Institute, who had previously studied the tumour, in which M. Peyron and Mr. Paine have just discovered the virus of cancer and its capacity for spreading, did not believe that the cancerous transformation of neighbouring tissues was possible.



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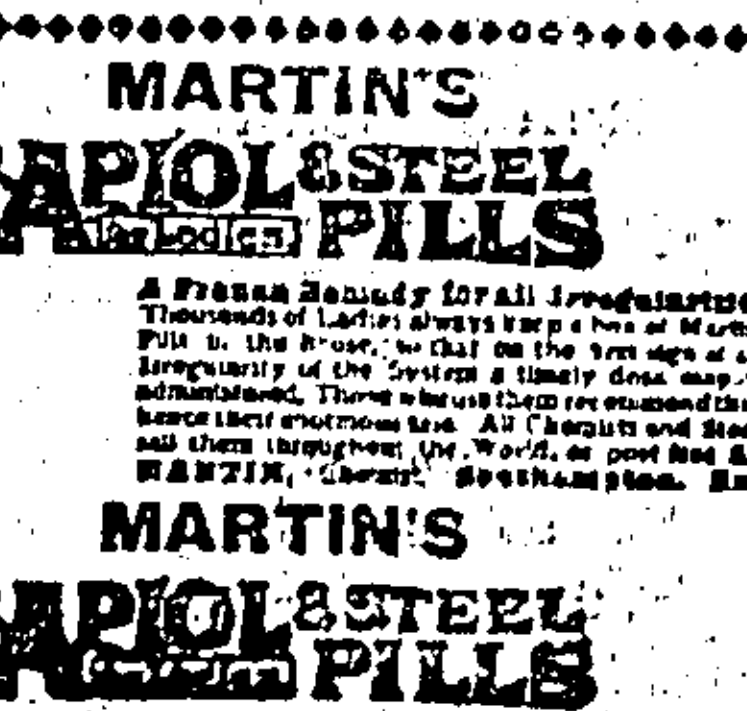
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RODENTUSER,
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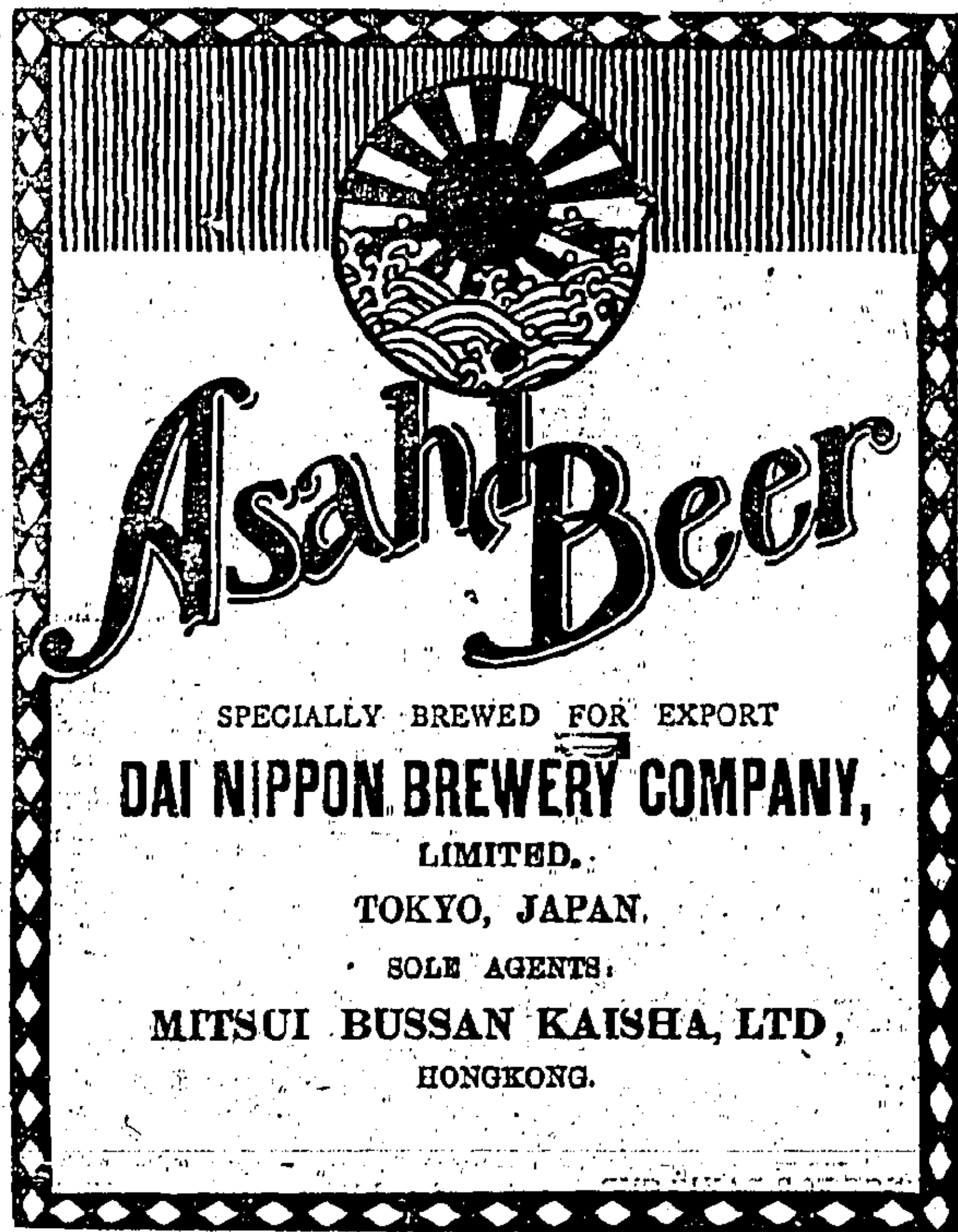
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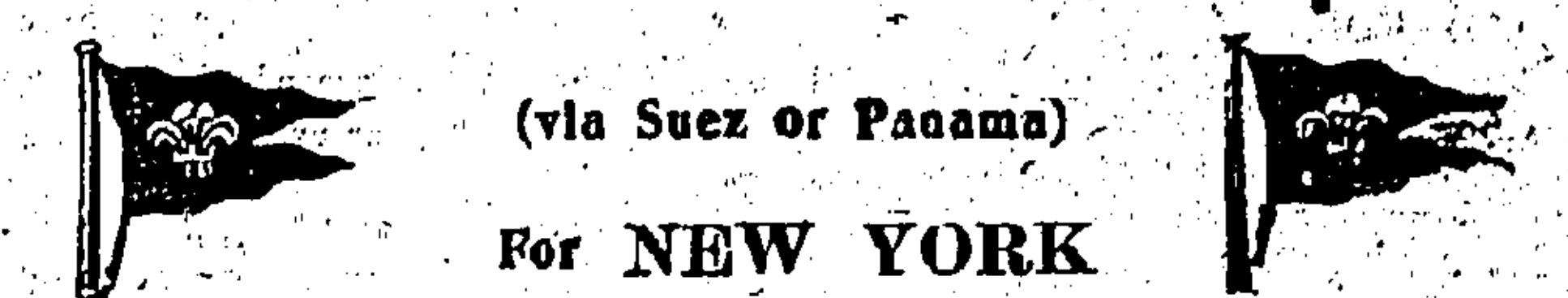
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

GREAT SHOPPING BOOM IN LONDON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, January 6th.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

There is a great deal of unemployment in the country, and reports which come to hand from various centres point to its extension in the next few months. It is, of course, the inevitable consequence of the slump in trade; and many other well-known untoward influences in the country which are all the inevitable legacy of war time.

But there is no good or useful purpose in painting the picture blacker than it really is. The political newspapers make doleful reading. To anyone far away their statement of the case must sometimes, at least, give a distorted impression. Some of them lay all the blame on the Government, which is quite in the natural order of things. Others use the situation with more or less adroitness as an opportunity for grinding the Protectionist axe. But the true cause of unemployment is economic and not political.

So far as the Government are concerned everything is being done to assist the people to tide over the present crisis. Proposals have been put forward this week to introduce short time in the staple industries. It is the expedient of offering the workers half a loaf as an alternative to no bread at all.

But Labour as represented by the Trade Unions is by no means friendly towards the scheme. The opposition, however, rests on no better basis than the traditional distrust of Capital. Protesters are made that the eventual result must be to reduce the standard of living for workers in every direction. On the other hand, so long as an adequate wage is paid for work done, be the hours as short as may be, there is really no substance in this opposition. The sanctity of agreements with regard to rates of pay remains, and will operate both now and in the future. Labour leaders who have experience of past spells of serious unemployment—like Mr. Tom Mann, for instance—recognise this, and I think that this view must eventually prevail.

A BOOM IN SHOPPING.

The beginning of the New Year has been signalled by an extraordinary shopping boom in London. Most of the great drapery houses are "selling off" and the crowds around these popular establishments in quest of bargains remind one of the eager crush of football enthusiasts at the entrance gate to a cup tie final.

It is not simply a trade expedient for getting rid of vast quantities of old stock by cutting prices in a few lines. It is a genuine clearance of goods at prices well below cost. The shops had to decide whether they would hold on to stocks which the public would not buy at current prices, or "cut their losses" and sell out. They have wisely chosen the latter course.

Soon retailers will replenish stocks, which, of course, means orders to manufacturers, who badly need them, and this in turn means more employment, a general resumption of trade activity, and a welcome circulation of money in many directions. Retailers have held on like grim death to high prices; but so far as they are concerned it seems the slump is definitely at an end.

A FRENCH VICOMTE.

There is considerable interest in the forthcoming marriage of Miss Violette Selfridge, one of the three daughters of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, and the Vicomte de Sibour, a nobleman of France. The engagement was formally announced this week.

Mr. Selfridge is the founder of the great Oxford Street drapery business that bears his name. An American by birth, he was a member of the firm of Marshall Field & Co. of Chicago, till 1903, when he retired from business. Six years later, having grown weary of idleness, he came over to London and established the great emporium in the heart of the West End. It has proved a veritable gold mine. The millionaire-tradesman is quite a figure in London Society, where he has made a place for himself. This is due not to his money, which he spends freely—but to a very genial and happy manner, and a cleverness which conceals how clever he really is.

The Vicomte de Sibour is head of an old family of Royalists, conspicuous for devotion to the House of Bourbon. During the war he served with distinction as an air pilot in the French Army, winning the Croix de Guerre. The story goes that a few months ago he went to Mr. Selfridge and asked whether he could find him a position in the famous business. He was given a trial, and became a member of the staff.

ON THE CONTINENT.

The *Daily Mail*, always fertile in new ideas, has an interesting feature running in its columns—a description of a journey on the Continent by a motoring correspondent. He has been commissioned to roam about Europe for three months and record his experiences. He has his own two-seater car, which he drives himself, and he tells how he gets about, what the roads are like, what he has to pay for food and lodging in the places he visits, the price of petrol, and so forth. There is no pretence to literary style in the articles, which are as conversational as the yarning of a couple of friends over a pipe by the fireside on a winter's evening.

What makes the story particularly acceptable is the plain, unvarnished tale of everyday experiences, especially the facts with regard to prices. This is the subject of all others that makes a wide appeal in these days. And the man of moderate means is apt to be rather envious when he learns how much cheaper it is to have a holiday abroad than it is here. Since the franc is worth about fourpence of English money, the Briton can live anywhere in France in style, put up at the largest hotels, and cover all expenses at less than a pound a day.

To the stay-at-home John Citizen, groaning as he pays his last (or nearly his last) shilling to the stony-hearted tax collector, a motor trip on the Continent with the exchange rate at its present level reads like a fairy tale!

AN UNCONVENTIONAL PEEK.

A very unconventional wedding took place this week at the Church of St. Alban, Holborn, the bridegroom being Lord De La Warr. His Lordship prides himself on being a Socialist. He is also a social worker with strong High Church ideas, and spends most of his time among slum dwellers. It was not altogether surprising, perhaps, that the assembly in the church was suggestive of a stage crowd at a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Society dames from Belgrave rubbed shoulders with costermongers and street arabs from the Leather Lane district, where Lord De La Warr lives strenuously during the pure gospel of the brotherhood of man.

It is a great handicap in life to a Socialist to have been born in the Peerage; but Lord De La Warr does his best in the circumstances. He is still at Oxford, and takes part in the "New Oxford" movement. During the war he ran away from Eton and enrolled for service in the Navy, where he did duty fearlessly and well as an A.B. seaman.

Thereon hangs a tale, which was told by Lord Lincolnshire, the Lord Great Chamberlain, in the House of Lords soon after the close of the war. On the day of the opening of Parliament he received a message that a young sailor wanted to see him, but refused to give his name. Lord Lincolnshire said when he went to the door he saw "a handsome lad dressed as a Naval A.B." who said, "I want you to put me on the steps of the Throne. You know my father; my name is De La Warr."

Lord Lincolnshire gave the boy the position near the King and he afterwards made dramatic use of the story as the text of his tribute to the gallant youth of England.

THE FORTHCOMING COURTS.

I learn that it is the intention of the King and Queen to hold five Courts this year. This is the customary number in a normal season. During war time there were only one or two Courts with the addition of garden parties, which were arranged chiefly as an easy way of recognising the meritorious performance of national service. No official order has gone forth, but it is understood that extreme simplicity of dress will be prescribed for this year's Courts, as benefits lean purses in a country whose resources have been severely strained by the war.

London tradesmen, especially those who belong to the "luxury trades," will have reason to rejoice at the Royal decision to restore the Courts. It means that the thousands of more women who will be presented will each spend anything from £50 to £150 on her dress. And, of course, there will be a London "season" marked by entertaining on a more or less lavish scale. The revival of Court functions somewhat on pre-war lines, therefore, means good employment in a large number of trades where money is none too plentiful at the moment.—H.B.

NEW YEAR'S EVE REVELS.

LONDON'S ORGANISED WELCOME TO 1921.

The revels of New Year's Eve, says the *Times* of January 1st, become more elaborate and less spontaneous as the years go by. Even the scenes in St. Paul's Churchyard were decorated by comparison with some celebrations of the past. The crowd was perhaps larger than it has been for many years, and there was noise, plenty of it; but it was a perfectly orderly, and in the main a good-humoured, crowd.

Long before the "witching hour"—even as early as 10.30—there were signs of the concentration everywhere within a half-mile radius of Lurgate Hill. Above the variegated din of mouth-organs, accordions, bugles, and human voices could be heard the skirl of numerous bagpipes, played by some men of the London Scottish.

As midnight approached the many small groups of chorists united in reciting the evergreen "Miner's Dream of Hymns," and before the chiming was done joined hands to sing "Auld Land Syne." Repeated cheers followed, and from the pockets of many honest Scotsmen were produced small, carefully-treasured bottles and flasks.

In the West-end there was no dearth of organised celebration, well patronised, for those who could afford it. Most of the hotels catered lavishly for their guests. At the Victoria an airship suspended from the ceiling was an item in the evening's proceedings. It seated a party of 35 and took three weeks to build. A party of "Bolshewists" invaded the dining hall during the evening and fought a mimic battle against the Allies. There, as at Claridge's, numerous presents given to the guests and at both there was dancing. There was a Japanese garden at the Ritz, where silver bugles announced the birth of the New Year.

A ball in aid of the After Care Fund was held at the Horticultural Hall, and many clubs organised dances; in fact everybody who had the opportunity of dancing took it. Hogmanay was celebrated by the Scottish Clans' Association at the Great Eastern Hotel. The order allowing the extension of the licensing hours till 19.30 a.m. was taken advantage of where it applied.

The Hotel Cecil, having been renovated throughout since its vacation by the Government, was open yesterday with a New Year's Eve concert, supper, and dance, which were attended by about 600 guests.

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 TIENTSIN ... "CHEONGSHING" ... Tues., 22nd Feb., D'light.
 SHANGHAI ... "ESANG" ... Tues., 22nd Feb., D'light.
 SINGAPORE via HOIHOW ... "FOOKSANG" ... Tues., 22nd Feb., 2 p.m.
 SINGAPORE ... "TROPIC" ... Wed., 23rd Feb., 8 a.m.
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SHANGHAI and TIENTSIN	"SUJIANG"	On 19th Feb.	D'light.
SWATOW and BANGKOK	"CHUSAN"	On 21st Feb.	10 A.M.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"CHENKANG"	On 22nd Feb.	Noon
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"KASHMIR"	9,000	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"NANKIN"	7,000	1st Apr.	do.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS (South)

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"KANOWNA"	7,400	17th Feb. Noon	Sandakan, Thesday Island
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	9th Mar.	Cebu, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"ALIPORE"	5,200	18th Feb.	Japan via Shanghai
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	21st Feb.	Japan direct
"KASHMIR"	9,000	21st Feb. Noon	Shanghai & Japan
"KASHMIR"	9,000	22nd Feb.	Shanghai & Japan
"TANDA"	7,000	22nd Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Tickets interchangeable. 1st Saloon Passengers may travel by B.I.S.N. Company's Steamers between Singapore and Calcutta or Singapore and Madras in lieu of the section of their P. & O. Tickets Singapore to Colombo.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Statements and Bill of Lading are liable to be cancelled or altered without notice.

Parcels measuring not more than 2 1/2 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees.

The Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Gordon & Douglas, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

22, Des Voeux Road Central, HONGKONG.

O. S. K.
OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG—Monthly direct

service via Singapore and Port Said. Friday, 16th March.

BUENOS AIRES—RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS.

DURBAN & CAPE TOWN via SINGAPORE. PASSENGER SERVICE.

"SEATTLE MARU" Sunday, 13th March.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.

"SIAM MARU" Thursday, 10th March.

"INDUS MARU" Friday, 25th March.

SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE—Regular monthly service.

"SEISEN MARU" Sunday, 5th Mar.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE—Monthly service taking cargo to New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA—

Via Shanghai and Dairen—Regular fortnightly passenger service touching at intermediate ports in Japan taking cargo to OVERLAND POINTS U.S. in connection with Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

"AFRICA MARU" (call Manila) Monday, 22nd Feb.

NEW YORK—Regular monthly service via Japan, San Francisco, Panama and Cuban Ports.

"AUTAI MARU" Tuesday, 22nd Feb.

"AMAZON MARU" Beginning of March.

Both taking cargo to Frisco & New York.

NEW ORLEANS LINE.

"HAMBURG MARU" Wednesday, 23rd Feb.

JAPAN PORTS—Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOI—These steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class saloon passengers and will arrive and depart from the O.S.K. wharf near the Harbour Office.

"KAJO MARU" Sunday, 20th Feb.

TAKAO & KEELUNG.

"SHISEN MARU" Sunday, 20th Feb.

For sailing dates and further particulars please apply to—

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AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE.

HONGKONG TO PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Steamer Arr. Hongkong from Australia Dep. Hongkong for Australia

"CHANGSHA" 13th Mar. 17th Feb. 4 p.m.

"TAIYUAN" 16th Mar. 18th Mar.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

These Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-Rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried.

Reduced Fares. Cargo booked through to all Australian, New Zealand & Tasmanian Ports.

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T. K. K.
TOYO KISEN KAISHA

HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO

VIA SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.

"THE PATHWAY OF THE SUN."

STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
"FUREIA MARU"	8,000	Feb. 28th.
"KORRA MARU"	90,000	March 7th.
"SHIRAI MARU"	71,000	March 19th.
"SHIRYO MARU"	23,000	April 9th.

* Calling at Dairen instead of Nagasaki. * Not calling at Shanghai.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE

HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO

VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, HILA, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, SALAS.

ORU, BALBOA, CALLAO, MOLLEND, AMICA & IQUIQUE.

THROUGH BY TRANS-ANDIAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES.

STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
"ANYO MARU"	18,700	March 15th.
"HAYO MARU"	14,000	April 9th.
"SEIYO MARU"	14,000	May 12th.

* Cargo only.

For full information regarding passengers, freight and sailings, apply to—

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager,

King's Building. Tel. Nos. 2374 & 2375.

Agents at Canton:

Messrs. T. E. GRIFFITH, LTD.

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TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE

Operating the following U.S. Shipping Board Steamers

For SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA, & VANCOUVER (Calling at Shanghai, Dairen and Japan Ports)

"ELDRIDGE"		About Feb. 25th.
"WHEATLAND MONTANA"		About March 15th.
"CITY OF SPOKANE"		About March 31st.

For PORTLAND direct.

(Calling at Kobe and Yokohama).

"PAWLET"		About Mar. 7th.
"COAXET"		About April 4th.

Through bills of Lading issued to Overland, Canada, etc.

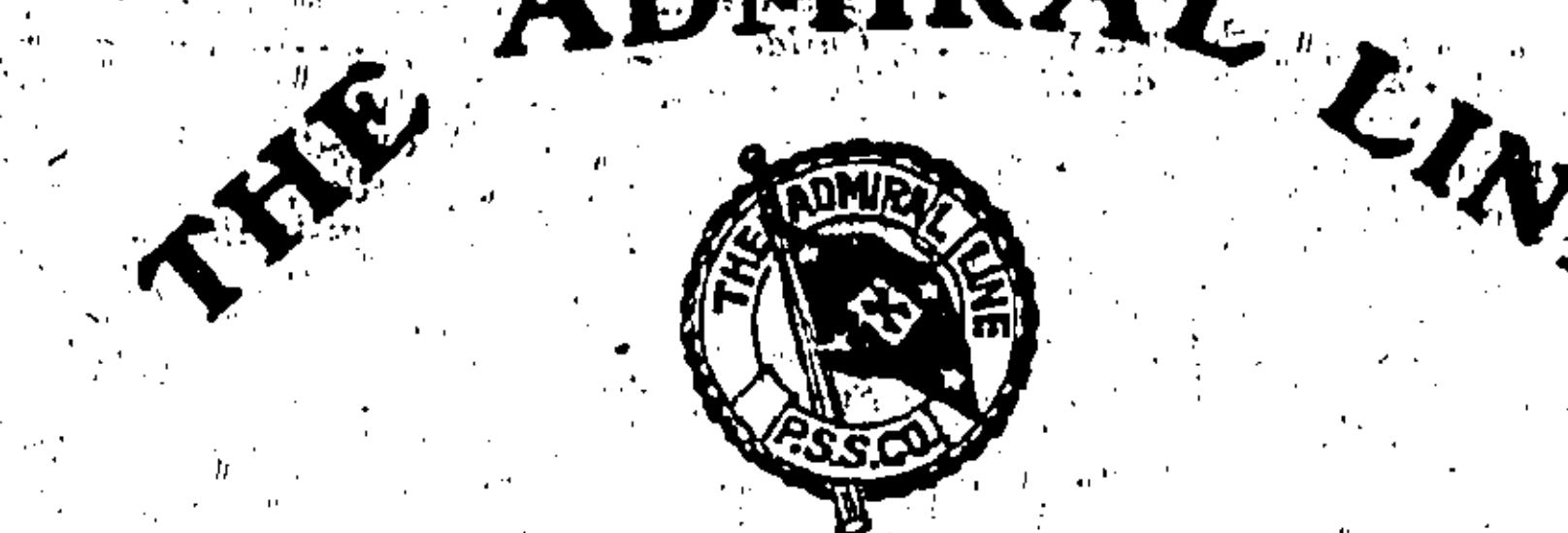
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Telephone 2477 & 2478.

5th Floor, Hotel Mansions.

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REGULAR SERVICE

To & From

SAIGON-SINGAPORE-SUMATRA

JAVA PORTS.

OPERATING THE FOLLOWING U.S.S. STEAMERS

Lake Farrar		February 18th.
Glymont		March 10th.
Lake Onawa		March 20th.
Cadaretta		March 25th.

Through bills of lading issued to all United States, Pacific Coast and Overland Points.

For full Particulars and Rates, Apply to—

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

5th Floor, HOTEL MANSIONS BUILDING.

Tel. Add.: ADMIRALINE. Telephone 2477 & 2478.

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SERVICE to UNITED STATES

For NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via Panama,

S.S. "SCHODACK" about Feb. 25th.

For freight space and particulars apply to—

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THE ADMIRAL LINE.

TELEPHONE 2477 & 2478

AGENTS

5th Floor

HOTEL MANSIONS

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CHINA-AUSTRALIA MAIL S.S. LINE.

For AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA & SANDAKAN.

"VICTORIA" February 18th.

"GABO" February 22nd.

For Freight and Passage, apply to—

THE CHINA & AUSTRALIA S.S. CO., LTD.

Agents,

112, Connaught Road Central.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The prices of Postal Stationery have been revised as follows:—

Post Cards 1 cent and 1½ cents—9 cents each	Registered Letter—
Postage Envelopes 4 "—5 "—5 "—5 "	Envelopes 10 cents
	Sizes F, G, H, and H-2—15 cents each
	Sizes K—20 "

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Europe via Suez (Newspapers only London 13th Jan., parcels 5th Jan.)		
JAPAN	Yamagata Maru	17th inst.
SHANGHAI	Ichang	18th inst.
STRAITS	Sado Maru	18th inst.
SHANGHAI	Suiyang	18th inst.
STRAITS	Kashmir	20th inst.
SHANGHAI	Alipore	20th inst.
SHANGHAI	Armand Behic	20th inst.
STRAITS	Chokiang	20th inst.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	Tokio Maru	21st inst.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	Yoshi Maru	21st inst.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Yokohama Maru	23rd inst.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Saigon	Suiyang	Thursday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Holl, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kanowat	Thursday, 17th, 9.45 A.M.
Shanghai and N. China	Kashmir	Thursday, 17th, 10.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Alipore	Thursday, 17th, 1.00 P.M.
Saigon	Derwent	Thursday, 17th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Is., Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand, via Thursday Island	Changsha	Thursday, 17th, 1.45 P.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thursday, 17th, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Wing Sang	Thursday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
Philippine Is., Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand, via Thursday Is.	Victoria	Thursday, 17th, 5.00 P.M.
		Friday, 18th, 8.30 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loongang	Friday, 18th, 2.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Kouang	Saturday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, and EUROPE via Marseilles	Armand Behic	Saturday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, and EUROPE via SUEZ	Himalaya	Saturday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
*Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kaijo Maru	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Sado Maru	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hachikyo	Sunday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and N. China	Suiyang	Sunday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, N. China, and Japan	Kashmir	Monday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Tientsin and Bangkok	Changsha	Monday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Chuan	Tuesday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy, Shanghai and N. China	Hai Hong	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Java and Port Moravia via Sourabaya	Szechuen	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden	Chikkar	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Shanghai and N. China	Fookang	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via Marseilles	Chikang	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon	Yokohama Maru	Thursday, 24th, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Hsinan	Thursday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Sunway	Thursday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Dairen, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Hai Loong	Friday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
	Pearl Maru	Saturday, 26th, 9.45 A.M.
		Letters ... 10.30 A.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES LONDON SERVICE (DIRECT).

"MENTOR"	22ND FEB. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"TERESIAS"	1ST MAR. Amsterdam, London & Antwerp.
"HELENUS"	8TH MAR. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"STENTOR"	11TH MAR. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"NINGCHOW"	22ND MAR. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(DIRECT OR VIA CONTINENTAL PORTS).

"TITAN"	1ST MAR. Genoa, Havre, L'pool & Glasgow.
"ACHILLES"	6TH MAR. Genoa, M'illes, L'pool & G'gow.
"TELAMON"	16TH MAR. Singapore & Liverpool.
"KT. OF THE GARTER"	29TH MAR. Genoa, M'illes, L'pool & G'gow.

PACIFIC SERVICE

(via KOBE and YOKOHAMA).

"TEUCER"	23RD FEB.
"TALTHYBIUS"	16TH MAR. } Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma & Vancouver.
"TYNDAREUS"	6TH APR.

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via SUEZ OR PANAMA).

"EURYPYLUS"	2ND MAR. via Suez.
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HOMeward PASSENGER SERVICE

"MENTOR"	22ND FEB. for London.
"TERESIAS"	1ST MAR. for London.
"STENTOR"	11TH MAR. for London.
"IDOMENEUS"	12TH APR. for Liverpool.
"PYRRHUS"	3RD MAY. for London.
"ANCHISES"	21ST JUNE for Liverpool.
"MENTOR"	5TH JULY for London.
"TERESIAS"	19TH JULY for London.

FOR FREIGHT AND ALL INFORMATION APPLY TO—
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AGENTS.

COMMERCIAL.

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February 16th.	
On LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/5 1/2
Bank Bill, on demand	2/5 1/2
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight	2/5 1/2
Bank Bill, at 4 months sight	2/5 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	2/5 1/2
Documentary Bill, 4 months sight	2/5 1/2
On HONGKONG.—	
Bank Bill, on demand	6 0
Credit, 4 months sight	7 20
On NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bill, on demand	48 1/2
Credit, at 60 days sight	49 1/2
On SHANGHAI.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	17 1/2
Bank Bill, on demand	17 1/2
On CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	17 1/2
Bank Bill, on demand	17 1/2
On SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bill, at sight	—
Private, 30 days sight	—
On YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	9 1/2
On demand—Pace	10 1/2
On SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	10 1/2
On BATAVIA.—	
On demand	13 1/2
On HONGKONG.—	
On demand	nom.
On SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	8 1/2
On BANGKOK.—	
On demand	7.30 1/2
Gold Leaf 100 fine, per tael	34 1/2
Bar Silver per oz.	34 1/2

Hongkong	30 cents piece	\$0.15 Discount.
Hongkong	10	0.10
Canton	30	19.30
Canton	10	0.00

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3½ per cent per annum.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 29th, 1920. [9]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital ... \$30,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... 12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds ... 7,796,077.90

HEAD OFFICE:—PEKING.
HONGKONG BRANCH:—22, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.
The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Special facilities for Home Exchange.
Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent per annum.

TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. [73]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital ... £3,000,000
Reserve Fund ... £3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... £3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS open and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. L. BROOKBANK,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 1st, 1921. [50]

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 150,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... A. Frs. 75,000,000
Reserve Funds ... F. 60,000,000
Deposits ... F. 685,000,000

The Chinese Government owns one-third of the Capital.

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General Manager: A. J. Pernot

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In LONDON: London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
In SAN FRANCISCO: Crocker National Bank.

Correspondents in the Chief Commercial Centres of the World.
Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.
Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold Terms on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Special facilities for French exchange.
M. MONTAGNIER,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 20th, 1921. [51]

SHANGHAI

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.

(TAIWAN GINKO).

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ... 45,000,000
Reserve Funds ... 9,850,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:

JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
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OTHERS—Hongkong, Bangkok, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:

LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARKS BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tientsin, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

S. KONDOH,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 3, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, September 1st, 1920. [41]

THE CHINA SPECIFIC BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

St. George's Building, Hongkong.

Chairman of Board of Directors:

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Chief Manager:—Mr. L. S. HOLM.

Asst. Manager:—Mr. K. T. WONG.

Hongkong Manager: Mr. I. P. ALLEN.

Foreign exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear interest at rates of 2 per cent, 4 per cent and 5 per cent per annum, respectively.

L. S. HOLM,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 2nd, 1920. [119]

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital ... £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital ... £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital ... £1,050,000
Reserve Fund ... £1,050,000

Bankers:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE LONDON JOINT CITY & MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

N. O. WILSON,
Acting Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, June 30th, 1920. [43]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG

Established 1919.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$2,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND ... 500,000.00

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Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Chung Kong,
Mr. Fung Ping Shun, Mr. Wong Yui Tung,
Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chai Ching Suet,
Mr. Ng Chang Luk, Mr. Kan Chin Nam.

Chief Manager:—Mr. Kan Tung Po,
Asst. Manager:—Mr. Li Tse Fung.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.

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For 3 months at the rate of 3½ per cent
For 6 months at the rate of 4½ per cent
For 12 months at the rate of 5½ per cent

KAN TUNG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1920. [51]

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Wireless Telegraphy.

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TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Operating the following U.S. Shipping Board Steamers

For

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"WEST IVAN" ... 25th Feb, 1921

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SHANGHAI

BRANCHES:

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BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK).

Head Office: 15bis Rue La Fayette, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Funds ... Frs. 69,587,205.54

BRANCHES:

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARBOT,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, November 1st, 1920. [64]

THE INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

Head Office:—6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong Branch:—Pancoff Building.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN BANKING SERVICE PROMPT.